GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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POLICY FORMULATED FOR MEDICINAL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy formulated for medicinal plants by the Medicinal Plants Board ;

(b) the names of the States/UTs in which Medicinal Plants Boards have been set up so far;

(c) whether the Medicinal Plants Board has sanctioned various projects during each of the last three years ;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) the details of the export promotion Zones established by the Board in various parts of the country; and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to bring awareness among the people of the areas where such plants are cultivated?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): The Medicinal Plants Board has formulated and implemented Promotional, Commercial and Contractual Farming Schemes under which financial assistance is provided for various activities such as in-situ/ex-situ conservation, cost effective cultivation, research and development, value addition, processing, creation of awareness etc. for medicinal plants.

(b): 32 State Medicinal Plants Boards have been set up in following States/UTs:

Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Arunchal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Lashadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Pondicherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal

(c)&(d): The Medicinal Plants Board has sanctioned projects under Promotional and Conctractual Farming Schemes during the last 3 years as under:

Year	Promotional Scheme	Commercial/Contractual Farming Scheme
2002-03	101	79
2003-04	66	687
2004-05	183	1258

(e): Nil.

(f): Schemes/programmes of Medicinal Plants Board are publicised through State Medicinal Plants Boards, Website and media. Proposals have also been sanctioned under scheme of Board for creation of awareness.